

SPORTING FEATURES PREPARED SPECIALLY FOR THE SUNDAY JOURNAL.

FIERCE FRENCH DOGS
WHICH KILL BEARS.

Dogue de Bordeaux.

Herewith will be found a picture of a rare French type of dog, practically unknown in this country. This famous canine of France is known as the Dogue de Bordeaux.

One hears terrible tales of the ferocity of these Dogs, whose Frenchmen say they are the guard dog par excellence, in whose company you may penetrate the remotest parts of the Pyrenees, which are still inhabited by bears without fear. An expert in describing these dogs says: "The skull must be very long and broad, high and square in appearance, a rounded or occiput skull being a fault; the muzzle very broad, deep and powerful. The face should be short, but not too short, or the jaw power will suffer, and the under jaw should project slightly and be turned up. A full eye is a great fault, but though small, the

HOW PRINCETON'S
NINE PROGRESSES.

Gold and Rain Interfere with Practice at Old Nassau.

COACH CLARKE'S FIND.

Meier of St. Louis Almost Sure to Play in Left Garden for the Tigers.

Princeton, N. J., March 18.—It was once said by Mr. Patsy Tobenau, of the Cleveland National League team, that "Billy" Clark could "spot" promising baseball time more accurately than any man in the game.

Coach Clark has "spotted" a corner, and he has made the find in Tigertown. The name is Meier, and he is a member of the class of 1902. In the phraseology of Clark, "he's a hummer." In other words, it means that the uncertainty as to who would fill the left garden of this year's Princeton nine has been removed by the young twirler who hails from St. Louis. Meier had a good record at his prep school, and played a winning game against the Sophomores last Fall, but his place was discovered at the outdoor practice held on Tuesday, when he was seen in the freshman corner and grasped long line drives to the field brought tears of joy to Captain Kafer's physiognomy. It played practically certain that Meier has a lead-pipe clinch on the left garden, and may be called upon to enter the box in some of the lower games on the schedule.

The past week has practically decided all but one position on the team. That place is shortstop, and on account of the illness of Duncan, the varsity quarterback, a speedy freshman named Langdon from the Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, has the place all to himself. But as yet Duncan remains a formidable candidate, and may yet play the position in the big games. On last Monday Captain Kafer made another cut, and there are the men who are still on the right side of the ledger: Catchers, Kafer, Campbell and Green; pitchers, Hill, Corand, Harrison, Berry and Meier; first base, Chapman, Hamilton and Black; second base, Stefwender; shortstop, Duncan and Langdon; third base, Hutchins; left field, Meier; center field, Watkins, Brown, Paulmier and Roper; right field, Suter and Robinson.

The first out-of-doors game of the season, scheduled with Rutgers for next Wednesday, will either be cancelled or will be played with rubber boots, fur-lined gloves and other Antarctic accessories.

The weather is doing much to leave the team in poor playing condition for the Southern trip which commences on March 30, the beginning of the Easter vacation. However, Trainer Christie is constantly employed in devising new gymnastic exercises to hold off the "charley horse," and all the men receive daily rub downs.

The Tiger cub has been called out by Captain Kafer, and, as with the "varsity" great hopes are entertained. A long schedule of games has been arranged, among which the contests with Yale and Columbia freshmen, Lawrenceville and Andover are the most important. Fowler, of last year's Andover team, has been appointed temporary captain, and the practice is under the direction and supervision of Kafer. The team will probably be composed of the following: Catchers, Green and Mount; pitchers, Vail, Scott and Ricker; first base, Steinmeyer; second base, Fowler; shortstop, McInnell; third base, O'Donnell; left field, Paulmier; center field, Roper, and right field, Lederer.

TURF NOTES.

The weights for the Carter Handicap, the principal event of the Aqueduct Spring meeting are due on Monday.

Kansas City is at last attempting to have a full-class race track. The new track will be a full mile and be located inside the city limits.

The first of the "Pia" get has been foaled at the Bowling Brook stud. It is a big, fine filly out of Aloha, a sister to the famous horse, Fochall.

Reports from San Francisco say that "Shokey" Kartin has settled down since his marriage, with the "Pia" stud, that his riding has improved immensely. He is due to report at Holmdel toward the end of this month and will once more sport a "dark horse" of the Glendon stable when the season opens.

The list of horses that should be ready to start at the time Aqueduct opens and which their owners will probably be keen to send to the post is a long one. The barometer of the track will keep the fields small, but Superintendent "Bob" Tucker is thinking of widening the seven furlong chute so as to permit twenty horses to start.

The well-known English turf writer, "Bordewer," who is Sir Richard Green-Paine in private life, has been in the city of New York in connection with the racing season. He is likely to see the "Pia" again on the race course, striving to move the controversy as to how a "tack" can ride with the best advantage to his horse, for that after all is the first consideration.

WILL NOW SELECT
TRAINING CAMPS.

Jeffries Goes to Asbury Park, Fitz to Bergen Beach or Coney.

Now that it has been definitely settled that the big heavy weight contest between Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Jeffries will be brought off in the East, the next important move to be made by the publicists is the selection of training quarters where they will prepare for the battle.

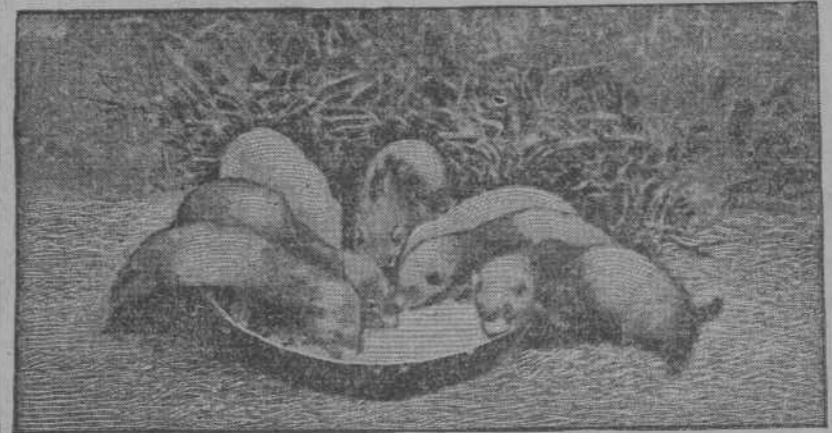
Both boxers intend to take up quarters near to the battle ground as possible, and within two weeks it is expected that Fitz and Jeffries will be hard at work preparing for the championship encounter. William A. Brady said yesterday that Jeffries would train for his coming fight with the champion at Asbury Park. Brady will turn his Summer home over to the Californian and the barn in the rear of the cottage will be fitted up as a gymnasium, where Jim will take his indoor exercises. Corbett trained there for his fight with Sullivan and Mitchell, and the popular Summer resort has been found to be one of the best training grounds in this vicinity. McCoy also trained at the Park for his fight with Tom Sharkey.

It is not yet known where Fitz will do his preparatory work, but Julian says that Lenky Bob will fix up his quarters at either Coney Island or Bergen Beach. It will depend entirely upon which club gets the fight. If the contest goes to the Coney Island Club, it will only give the boxers about six weeks to train, as the bout will have to be pulled off before May 12. The Greater New York Club's license expires on that date. The Bergen Beach Club have until Thursday to give a definite reply as to whether the club will build at Bergen Beach or not. The hitch in the new organization seems to be in the club's inability to secure the necessary sanction from the authorities. However, if the Bergen Beach Club should receive assurance before the time limit expires that the fight can be decided without interference, the club will attempt to have the fight decided between the 1st and 12th of June next.

TO REINSTATE PRUNTY.

One of the first official acts of the new L. A. W. Racing Board will be to reinstate Peter Prunty, the clarion-voiced announcer, who was suspended for officiating at the race meets at Madison Square Garden by Albert Mott.

It was said that Prunty contemplated bringing a suit for damages against the League for interfering with his means of livelihood. At the meeting of the new Racing Board in this city Prunty's case was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that the suspension should be raised immediately. Chairman Gerlach will officially announce Prunty's reinstatement in a few days. Once more in favor with the L. A. W. Prunty will announce at the Million Carnival this week at Madison Square Garden. If he was still under the ban he would not be permitted to take the position.

FERRETS AS AIDS
TO SPORTSMEN.

Ferrets at Supper.

The ferret, practically unknown in this country, is an almost indispensable adjunct of country life in England. There this fierce, snake-like little animal is used for hunting rats and rabbits from their burrows, and never a game-keeper but has a hatch that serves as a home for the little "varmints."

The ferret is regarded veniously by naturalists as an albino variety of weasel, or a deviation from the usual type of the polecat. It differs from the polecat mostly in color, which is usually yellowish-white, though the coat sometimes runs considerably darker, or pure white. The eyes are pinky-red and sharp as needles. The animal measures about fourteen inches, exclusive of its tail, which is about five inches long.

In practical use for the purpose of bolting rats or rabbits from their holes, the ferret has to be used when hungry, so as to make it fierce, and is almost invariably muzzled to prevent it from killing its quarry and then sleeping off its gorge in the burrow. It often has a bell attached to its neck to aid in locating its whereabouts when in a hole.

Ferrets are very susceptible to cold, and need warm hutches and bedding while in the field. They often travel in a keeper's side-pocket. They are, of course, carnivorous, but in captivity thrive on plain bread and milk, with an occasional rat or bird thrown in for a luxury.

On this side of the Atlantic ferrets have been seldom used except by some men who have made a business of rat-catching, i. e., clearing buildings, ships, etc., of rats. One reason for this may be the comparative scarcity of the burrowing rabbit. The methods employed in hunting rabbits with ferrets are two. If it is desired to bag the rabbit, i. e., catch him alive, he is crouched with terriers or any other purpose, loose nets are spread over the mouths of the burrow, into which the bunny bolts and becomes entangled. More usually the rabbits are simply bolted into snares.

The Twenty-four Hour Foot Race. Unless present indications are wrong the big international twenty-four hour foot race, which is to be held at the Grand Central Palace April 7 and 8, will be one of the best long distance go-as-you-please events ever held in this city. The fact that

many of the old-timers who made this sport so popular a decade ago are entered promises a big revival of interest. Although the old-timers' experience is expected to enable them to last the journey, many of the young blooded entries hope to distance them early in the race by a fast pace.

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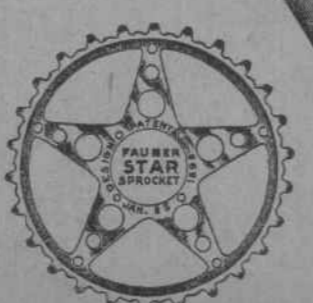
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